GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:2
ANSWERED ON:18.02.2003
ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal immigration and overstaying of Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals in the country has been continuing unabated;

(b) if so, the number of foreign nationals particularly Pakistani and Bangladeshi who have overstayed in the country after the expiry of their travel documents at the end of 2002, State-wise and country-wise;

(c) the number of foreigners who are untraceable as on date, country-wise;

(d) whether the Government have recently announced restrictions on the visit of Pakistani nationals in the country;

(e) if so, the details in this regard;

(f) the number of foreign nationals deported to their countries during each of the last three years till date, country-wise; and
(g) the steps taken by the Government to check the illegal influx from Pakistan and Bangladesh and also to identify and deport them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)
(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTIN NO.2 BY SHRI RAMJIVAN AND SHRI SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI REGARDING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.02.2003

(a) There are reports of large scale illegal influx of Bangladeshi nationals who manage to infiltrate into the country inspite of checks and controls at the international border due to the long, open and porous nature of the border. A large number of Bangladeshi as well as Pakistani nationals are reported to be overstaying in the country.

The details are provided at Annexure `A` pertaining to the year 2001.

Only Pakistani nationals are reported to be untraced and their number is reported to be 2321 as on 31.10.2002.

(d) & (e) A system of pre-verification of Pak visa applicants has been introduced with effect from January, 2002.

The details are provided at Annexure `B`.

(g) The problem of illegal influx is mainly from Bangladesh. To curb illegal influx into the country, several measures have been taken by the Government which include strengthening of BSF and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipment/gadgets; raising of additional battalions of BSF; reduction of gaps between border outposts; intensification of patrolling; accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing; provision of surveillance equipment, etc. The powers under Sec 3(2)(c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals staying in India unauthorisedly have been entrusted to the State Governments and UT Administrations. Besides administrative instructions are also issued to them from time to time to launch special drives to detect the Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals staying illegally in the country for their immediate deportation.

ANNEXURE ' A'

COUNTRY-WISE DETAILS OF FOREIGNERS OVERSTAYING IN INDIA

IN 2001

Afghanistan	10158
Algeria	9
Angola	3
Argentina	9
Armenia	2

Australia	336
Austria	133
Azerbaizan	1
Beharian	8
Bangladesh	24443
Barbados	0
Belarus	33
Belgium	96
Belize	1
Bolibia	0
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1
Botswana	0
Brazil	34
Brunei	1
British Overseas Citizen	1
Bulgalia	7
Cambodia	8
Cameroon	0
Canada	894
Chad	0
Chile	5
China	198
China (Taiwan)	16
Colombia	5
Congo	1
Costrica	0
Croatia	9
Cuba	6
Cyprus	0
Czech	167
Denamark	157
Djibouti	0
Dominican Rep.	0
Ecuador	0
Egypt	25
El - Salvador	0
Eritrea	6
Estonia	2
Ethopia	114
Fiji	25
Finland	120
France	369
Gambia	0
Georgia	3
Germany	779
Ghan	19
Greece	17
Gunea	2
Gunea Bissau	0
Guyana	4
Haiti	3
Hong Kong	4
Hungary	22
Iceland	0
Indonesia	142
Iran	172
Iraq	30
Ireland	53
Israel	174
Italy	230
Ivory Coast	0
Japan	282
Jordan	64
Kazakhstan	20
Kenya	277
Korea (North) DPR	0
Korea (South)	418
Kuwait	1
Kyrghyzstan	16
Laos	3
Latvia	2
Lebanon	9
Lesotho	1
Liberia	0
Libya	2
Lithunia	1
Luxemberg	2
Malagasy (Medagacar)	0
Malawi	4
Malaysia	879
Maldives	89
Malta	4
Mauritus	488
Mexico	19
Moldova	1

Mongolia	30
Morocco	2
Mozambique	2
Myanmar	285
Nambia	2
Netherlands	387
New Zealand	84
Nicaragua	0
Nigeria	148
Norway	32
Oman	15
Others	7
Pakistan	6748
Palestine	4
Panama	1
Papua New Guinea	0
Paraguay	0
Peru	5
Philippines	64
Poland	30
Portugal	22
Qatar	5
Romania	17
Russia	378
Rwanda	2
Samoa (West) Togolese	0
Saudi Arabia	12
Senegal	1
Seychelles	29
Sierra Leone	1
Singapore	347
Singapore Stateless	0
Slovak Rep.	4
Slovenia	5
Somalia	109
South Africa	37
Spain	46
Sri Lanka	620
Stateless	33
Stateless Malaysia	5
Stateless Tibet	266
Stateless Singapore	2
Sudan	120
Surinam	0
Swaziland	3
Swedan	80
Switzerland	42
Syria	33
Tajikistan	9
Tanzania	76
Thailand	350
Tongo (Togo)	1
Trinidada & Tobago	11
Tunisia	2
Turkey	30
Turkmenistan	1
USA	1102
Uganda	149
Ukraine	31
UAE	7
UK	1388
Uruguay	0
Uzbekistan	17
Venezuela	4
Vietnam	160
Yemen	77
Yugoslavia	20
Zaire	8
Zambia	12
Zimbabwe (Rhodesia)	12

Total 55171

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF FOREIGNERS OVERSTAYING IN INDIA

IN 2001

Andhra Pradesh	33
Assam	18
Bihar	18
Chandigarh	47
Chattisgarh	15
Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0
Daman & Diu	0
Delhi	19304
Goa	1
Gujarat	532
Haryana	388
Himachal Pradesh	2
Jammu & Kashmir	0
Karnataka	121
Kerala	193
Madhya Pradesh	381
Maharashtra	572
Meghalaya	0
Orissa	72
Pondicherry	1
Punjab	517
Rajasthan	4231
Tamil Nadu	3628
Tripura	420
Uttar Pradesh	454
Uttranchal	1
West Bengal	24222
Total	55171

ANNEXURE -'B'

COUNTRY-WISE DETAILS OF FOREIGNERS DEPORTED DURING

THE YEAR 1999 TO 2001

Country	1999	2000	2001
Afghanistan	25	15	9
Austria	1	0	0
Beharian	0	0	1
Bangladesh	14079	6040	7854
Belarus	3	3	8
Cameroon	0	0	2
China	1	3	1
Congo	0	0	1
Denmark	0	1	0
Eritrea	0	1	0
Germany	0	3	1
Indonesia	20	1	146
Iran	6	10	6
Jordan	1	0	0
Kenya	9	6	11
Liberia	0	0	1
Malaysia	0	0	1
Mali	1	0	0
Myanmar (Burma)	386	240	446
Nambia	1	0	0
Netherlands	2	0	0
Nigeria	4	11	20
Norway	0	1	0
Others	0	1	0
Pakistan	195	108	490
Palestine	0	1	1
Portugal	1	0	1
Russia	0	3	1
Saudi Arabia	0	0	2
Somalia	0	0	2
Sri Lanka	9	40	22

Stateless	0	1	0
Stateless Tibet	10	6	8
Sudan	1	0	3
Switzerland	1	0	0
Tanzania	0	3	2
Turkey	0	1	0
Thailand	50	0	28
Ukraine	1	1	1
Uganda	0	1	0
UK	0	1	1
USA	0	0	1
Uzbekistan	0	6	0
Zaire	0	1	0

Total	14807	6509	9071